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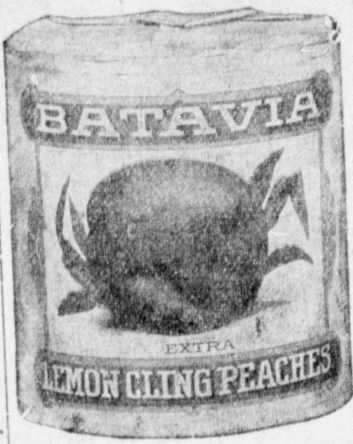
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SECRET SERVICE REPORT

Special Committee Hands In Its
Final Reply.

CHAIRMAN PERKINS TALKS

Resolution Declares It the Sense of
the House That the Objectable
Portion Which Is Not Respectful
Be Laid Upon the Table.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Having given
consideration to the president's furth-
er view regarding the secret service
contained in the message to the house
of representatives last Monday the
special committee appointed to deal
with the subject brought in its final
report today.

Accompanying it was a resolution
which declared it to be the sense of
the house that it should refuse to con-
sider any communication from any
source which is not respectful, recom-
mending that the objectionable por-
tion of the president's annual message
be laid on the table and that similar
action be taken with respect to the
message of last Monday because of its
being unresponsive to the inquiry of
the house, "as to what the president
meant when he said referring to the
limitation placed upon the field of
operations of the secret service that
the chief argument in favor of the pro-
vision was that the congressmen did
not themselves wish to be investi-
gated."

When Chairman Perkins, of New
York, of the special committee, arose
to make his report he faced an almost
full membership, while the galleries
were packed with interested specta-
tors. Messrs. Tawney, Smith of Iowa,
Sherley and Fitzgerald were on the
floor and prepared by word of mouth
to resent what they deemed to be the
insinuation of the president upon them
as members of the committee on ap-
propriations. They were not alone in
their indignation. Indeed, for some
time past the feelings of the members
had been giving way to their senti-
ments in language which fully testi-
fied to their wounded pride.

Mr. Perkins addressed the house as
follows:
"To your committee was referred
certain passages contained in the an-
nual message of the president. We
were to decide whether in our opin-
ion those portions of the message were
couched in such form that a proper
regard for the dignity of a great leg-
islative body should forbid their re-
ception. We are of the opinion that
the portions of the message do con-
stitute a breach of the privileges of
this house and that therefore follow-
ing the precedent set in similar cases
the house shall decline to consider
them.

"With the merits of the question
with reference to the use of the secret
service men this committee has noth-
ing to do. We fully recognize the right
of the president to express his disap-
proval of legislation adopted by the
congress, to point out its defects and
to ask that they be remedied. The
question will doubtless be considered
by congress and such action taken as
may seem to be in the public interest.

"But your committee has to con-
sider the criticisms made by the presi-
dent upon the motives of congress in
its action last session to consider his
suggestions as to future legislation
and to report whether congress with
proper self respect can receive them.
It is stated in the message that the
chief argument in favor of the pro-
vision was that the congressmen did
not themselves wish to be investigated
by secret service men and this is re-
peated in the additional message. If
this was the chief argument, it must
have been by this argument that the
majority of the members were led to
vote in favor of the offending provi-
sions. Your committee is unable to
share in this belief. In the arguments
of the house, the gentlemen from Ken-
tucky, speaking in favor of the amend-
ment, asked if it was intended that if
a member of congress was guilty of
unbecoming conduct the department
would be warranted in investigating
his conduct by secret service men.
And the gentlemen from New York
opposing the amendment stated that
we know as lawyers that we were com-
petent members of the government
and there was one over us. Then the
gentleman from Kentucky said, not-
withstanding views of the gentleman
from New York, the private conduct
of a member of congress had been
once investigated by secret service
men, but the gentleman from New
York denied even this one and soli-
tary instance and stated the investi-
gation in the case cited had not been

made by a member of the secret
service but by a police officer of Wash-
ington.

"We do not think that even the most
timorous of congressmen could have
been induced by these arguments to
vote in favor of the amendment be-
cause of the fear that if he voted 'no'
the secret service might ferret out his
secret sins.

"Nor does it seem that statements
made in 1904, even by a newspaper
reporter, are convincing evidence of
the motive which actuated congress-
men in their votes in 1908. The state-
ments made in newspapers are some-
times questioned even at the White
House.

"The statement contained in the
message that the chief argument in
favor of the provisions was that the
congressmen did not themselves wish
to be investigated, can have but one
meaning. It means that congress
voted for the measure from an im-
proper motive. Any congressman
whose vote can be determined by un-
willingness to have his own conduct
investigated by secret service men, or
by any other man, must surely be in
fear of the law. If it was believed
that a majority of this body were in
fear that their acts might be investi-
gated and their crimes discovered the
respect of the people, which it is im-

portant for the republic that congress
should possess, would be impaired, if
not destroyed.

"It is dangerous to the republic
that a large portion of the people
should have their confidence shaken
in the judges who interpret the law;
it is equally dangerous that their con-
fidence should be impaired in those
who enact the laws and it is for this
reason that the duty devolves upon the
lawmakers not to allow the integrity
of their motives to be lightly ques-
tioned.

"We may be sure that no legislative
body will be respected by the people
unless it respects itself.

"Doubtless in the congress are some
times found unfit and dishonest men,
but I believe that with few exceptions
the body is composed of men of in-
tegrity, whose vote is determined not
by fear of the police, but by an honest
regard for the public service. If the
time should ever come when a ma-
jority of the chosen representatives of
the American people were so unfit for
their trust that their votes were con-
trolled by a craven fear of the de-
tection of their crimes then surely the
republic will have come upon evil
days and the failure of popular govern-
ment will be demonstrated.

"The people of this country have
sent their representatives to the con-
gress. Many of them have for long
years been re-elected at the polls or
by legislatures. We do not believe
that popular government and univer-
sal suffrage are such lamentable fail-
ures that dishonest, cowardly or un-
fit men are chosen to continue in of-
fice. In this matter we stand not only
for our views but for those who sent
us here. The impeachment of those
who are chosen is to impeachment of
those who choose.

"The president says that no one
holds the dignity of the congress of
the United States in the higher regard
than he does. It would therefore be
a thing to be deplored, if as a result
of any unfortunate inadvertence of
language, any untoward combination
of words, expressions should remain
in his message which might be inter-
preted by the people as lessening the
dignity and thereby weakening the au-
thority of the congress.

"It is said in the message that crim-
inals should be prosecuted if found
in the legislative branch of the gov-
ernment and with this we wholly
agree. But the president adds, 'If this
is not considered desirable a special
exception could be made in the law
prohibiting the use of secret service
officers in investigating members of
congress.' In other words, it is sug-
gested that we pass a law which will
facilitate the exposure of other crim-
inals but will protect ourselves. If a
majority of the congress stand for the
exposure of their own misdeeds, they
would be ready to vote for such a law,
but such is not the case, and against
it we must protest. If congress lis-
tens tamely and timidly to reflections
upon the character of its members and
its honesty of purpose, it will de-
serve and it will certainly receive the
contempt of the public. We feel the
suggestions in the president's mes-
sage, the congress should refuse to
weekly receive and mildly to consider.
"The congress of the United States
today exists as a result of centuries
of struggle for popular government.
Let every man who is a member of
it vote on this question in the manner
which seems to him most worthy of
the traditions of which we are the
heirs, of the institutions of which we
are the protectors, and of the people
of whom we are the representatives."

As was the case when he first spoke
on the question before the holidays,
Mr. Perkins was frequently interrupt-
ed by applause. Upon the conclusion
of his remarks he submitted the com-

SHEPPARD SCORES TAFT.

Asserts President Elect Makes
Incorrect Statement.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Congressman
Sheppard of Texas, in the house, re-
ferred to Judge Taft.

Digressing from a tariff speech Mr.
Sheppard charged the president elect
did the south a desirous injury when he
said that a fair opportunity was not
presented in that section of the free
exercise of suffrage. Mr. Sheppard
emphatically denied that such was
the case, and that Mr. Taft had made
himself ridiculous.

The Texas member had reached the
point in his remarks where he spoke
of the southern political situation when
he was interrupted with a query by
Mr. Bates of Pennsylvania, who asked
if it was not Mr. Taft's purpose to
procure a free opportunity for the con-
sideration of public questions in the
south. The question brought forth
the declaration referred to. Mr. Shep-
pard added that he believed the people
of the south were Democratic because
they applied the principles of Demo-
cracy that were best for the entire
country, regardless of section.

"If," he said, "they thought that Re-
publican principles were best they
would accept them."

The south, he said, evidently was
not influenced in its Democracy by
sectionalism or race issues, because
the south was Democratic before the
war or the race issue was a remote
probability.

"On the contrary," he declared,
"there were states in the north that
were solidly Democratic before the
war that have been solidly Republican
since, and the charge of sectionalism
could be brought against them with
much more fairness than against the
south."

"Did not congressional districts go
Republican last time for the first
time, and was that not evidence of the
fact that the solid south was broken?"
Mr. Bates inquired.

Mr. Sheppard promptly rejected the
idea, and said that instead of the south
leaning toward Republicanism, it was
more Democratic today than it was
fifty or sixty years ago, as there were
several Whig states in the south be-
fore the war. The Whigs, he declared,
were but the predecessors of the Re-
publicans, but there had been no Re-
publican southern states since the
Whig party went out of existence.

Immense Forgeries Alleged.

Jaklap, Cal., Jan. 8.—F. B. Signor,
real estate promoter and mining brok-
er of this city, was arrested on com-
plaint sworn to by James H. Murray,
a multi-millionaire banker and mining
man of Montana, Salt Lake and Se-
attle, but more recently of Monterey,
Cal., charging Signor with forgeries
aggregating near \$1,000,000.

Literally Cooked Alive.

Loraine, O., Jan. 8.—The little girl
of Joseph Rosello fell into a tub of
boiling water and was cooked alive.

mittee report, which, after quoting
from the president's message, was as
follows:

"Understanding this language to be
a reflection on the integrity of its
membership and aware of its own con-
stitutional duty as to its membership,
the house in respectful terms called
on the president for any information
that would justify the language of the
message or assist it in its constitu-
tional duty to purge itself of corrup-
tion.

"The president in his message of
January 4 denies that the paragraph
of the annual message casts reflec-
tions on the integrity of the house; at-
tributes to the house 'an entire failure
to understand my message,' declares
that he has made no charge of cor-
ruption against any members of this
house, and by implication states that
he has no proof of corruption on the
part of any member of this house.

"Whether the house in its resolution
of December 17, 1908, correctly inter-
preted the meaning of the words used
by the president in his annual mes-
sage or whether it misunderstood that
language as the president implies, will
be judged now and in the future ac-
cording to the accepted interpretations
of the English language. This house,
charged only with its responsibility to
the people of the United States and
its obligation to transmit unimpaired
to the future the representative insti-
tutions inherited from the past and
to preserve its own dignity, must in-
sist on its own capacity to understand
the import of the president's language.
We consider the language of the presi-
dent in his message of December 8,
1908, unjustified and without basis of
fact and that it constitutes a breach
of the privileges of the house; there-
fore, be it

"Resolved, That the house in the ex-
ercise of its constitutional prerogative
declines to consider any com-
munication from any source which is
not in its own judgment respectful;
and be it further

"Resolved, That the special commit-
tee and the committee of the whole
house on the state of the Union be
discharged from any consideration of
so much of the president's annual mes-
sage as relates to the secret service
and is above set forth, and that the
said portion of the message be laid
on the table; and be it further

"Resolved, That the message of Janu-
ary 4, 1909, being unresponsive to the
inquiry of the house and constituting
an invasion of the privileges of this
house by questioning the motives and
intelligence of members in the exer-
cise of their constitutional rights and
functions, be laid on the table."

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Vice-Pres. Asst.-Cashier.

NUMEROUS HOMESEEKERS.

Three Thousand People in Quest of
Homes Arrive in One Day.

Fort Worth, Jan. 8.—About 3,000
homeseekers reached the city Thurs-
day over the Santa Fe, Missouri, Kan-
sas and Texas and the Rock Island.
Of these the Santa Fe had four trains,
one of which consisted of thirteen
cars. The Katy came next with three
trains and the Rock Island two. They
were for distribution to various parts
of the state, some going to west Texas,
a large number to the coast country
and some into Mexico. This is said
to be the greatest number of home-
seekers that have entered the state in
one day.

TOO COLD OUTSIDE.

"Would Rather Be Inside Looking Out
Than Outside Looking In."
Oklahoma City, Jan. 8.—Forty-five
prisoners in the city jail tunneled their
way to freedom. Getting a breather
of the icy air all but three returned
voluntarily. They declared they pre-
ferred prison to freedom in zero
weather.

Mrs. Fant Receives Money.

San Antonio, Jan. 8.—The Fant-Sul-
livan case, which involved a judgment
in land and money in favor of Mrs.
Lucie A. Fant of more than \$750,000,
has been closed. Sheriff Lindsey de-
livered to Mrs. Fant the judgment
money. It was \$67,846.33, and most
of it was in gold coin. Mrs. Fant also
entered into possession of about 100-
000 acres of land.

Lady Killed in Runaway.

Decatur, Tex., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Summar,
wife of J. G. Summar, a druggist of
Slidell, was killed in a runaway. Mrs.
Summar, with her two children, was
driving between Slidell and Green-
wood when she lost control of the
horse. She and the children were
thrown out of the buggy and she was
instantly killed. One child received
serious injuries, but the other escaped
unhurt.

Mysterious Deaths.

Kansas City, Jan. 8.—Mystery sur-
rounds the deaths of W. G. Brault, a
salesman of St. Louis, and his wife,
who were found dead in bed in a room
here. There was a distinct odor of
chloroform in room when the police
entered but no other evidence that the
drug had been used was found. The
coroner asserts that Mrs. Brault killed
her husband and then committed sui-
cide. Friends of the couple, on the
other hand, believe the pair met with
foul play.

Loses His Relatives, Suicides.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 8.—Overcome
by grief through the belief that his
parents, brothers and sisters had been
killed at Messina by the recent earth-
quake Sylvester Steteni, twenty-four
years old, committed suicide by jump-
ing down a shaft of the Quenahaming
Coal company's mine at Jerome.

CULBERSON WINS.

Judiciary Committee Is to Pass
on Legality of Matter.

Washington, Jan. 8.—By vote of 47
to 4 the senate voted to refer to the
judiciary committee the resolution of
Senator Culberson, calling for a report
by that committee as to the legality
of the president's act in permitting
the United States Steel corporation to
absorb the Tennessee Coal and Iron
company.

Senators Carter, Warner and others
made an effort to table the resolu-
tion.

CAPITOL IN DANGER.

Enough Ammunition in the Basement
to Annihilate the Building.

Austin, Jan. 8.—The capitol building
is in danger of being blown up, ac-
cording to the report of the auditors,
just submitted to Governor Campbell.
The auditors declare there is suffi-
cient ammunition stored in the base-
ment to wreck the building.

The auditors recommend the removal
of the adjutant general's depart-
ment and ammunition to the building
now occupied by the land office, mov-
ing the land office to the capitol. It
is claimed the present quarters of the
land office are unfit; that valuable
papers and files are being destroyed
by rates, dust, and insects. The gov-
ernor will ask the legislature to act.

BIG SANDY'S BIG BLAZE.

Fire in Business Section Causes Eighty
Thousand Dollars' Damage.

Big Sandy, Tex., Jan. 8.—Fire Fri-
day morning caused a loss of nearly
\$80,000 in the business section, with
partial insurance. The blaze origi-
nated in A. Aaron's dry goods store,
then spread to the Dorrrough-Kelley
mercantile company's buildings, and
Continental Bank and Trust company.
All were destroyed. The buildings de-
stroyed were of brick and modern.
Hard fighting saved a row of frame
buildings east of the brick block.

JOHN BOYD HANGED.

Condemned Man Meets His Fate With
a Smile on His Face.

Lagrange, Tex., Jan. 8.—John Boyd,
a negro, convicted of criminally as-
saulting a white woman in 1905 and
who narrowly escaped death at the
hands of a mob, was executed Friday
morning. He refused to make a state-
ment on the gallows and died with a
smile on his face. Boyd's case was
carried by his attorneys to the United
States supreme court.

Both Members Bridegrooms.

Austin, Jan. 8.—I. Dudley Stephen-
son and Luther Nickels, both members
elect of the house from Hill county,
who took unto themselves brides this
week, have arrived with their better
halves.

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Among the captains of finance John W. Gates is the latest to enlist under the banner of free trade.

Only sensible people are conscious of their own faults but any fool can perceive the faults of others.

There are fewer "Taft Democrats in the South," than there are Northern newspapers using the phrase.

Bucket-shop and exchange gambling is less defensible than gambling at cards because it is more harmful.

Every farmer should think as he works and work as he thinks. Moreover, he should vote as he thinks and works.

Not one of the really temperate, orderly and self-controlled people was made such by statutory law. No moral reform was ever effected by physical means or agencies.

It was Tom Moore who sang: "Bliss itself is not worth having if we're by compulsion blessed." Same way with morality. Enforced righteousness is but a step removed from hypocrisy.

If the president would issue a proclamation declaring all the senators and representative members of the Ananias club except Aldrich and Nick Longworth it would be a shorter and uglier way of doing it.

The erstwhile plebeian peanut is now recognized as an equal among patrician products, such as cotton, corn and cattle, and even the outcast and derided persimmon is admitted to good society among the fruits.

A recent French invention is alleged to have made wireless telephony practicable for a distance of 310 miles. In a few years we shall be gossiping with our friends back in the old states whenever we feel like it.

Visitors from more progressive towns when they return home tell their friends that Bryan people are still so primitive that they carry lanterns to light them home from the lodge and prayermeeting. Alas! that it should be true.

The criminal business of Harris county alone is sufficient to keep a

judge busy all the year round," says the Houston Post. The criminal business of Brazos county isn't sufficient to keep a judge busy one month in the year.

The Apostle Paul said, "When I became a man I put away childish things." It is time for Bryan to discard village ways.

A Louisiana judge fined a pistol-toter \$250 with the alternative of six months in jail and announced his intention hereafter to give every similar offender the limit of the law. If all judges would do likewise the pistol-toter would quit.

Collin county proposes to issue \$500,000 bonds for the purpose of building four cardinal roads from the county seat to the county line, with connecting roads from all the country towns. This is just what every other county ought to do.

The \$800,000 appropriated by congress for the relief of suffering Italy is insignificant in comparison with the millions lavished in building battleships but it will go farther in promoting international peace than all the battleships ever built.

The National Co-Operator makes a good point in this sentence: "Just as a union laborer looks for the union label on every article he buys, let every cotton-growing farmer ask that all he buys shall have all the cotton in its manufacture and preparation for market that is compatible with the service for which it is purchased."

The National Co-Operator says: "Evans local, near Moody, has passed resolutions pledging the members to stay out of debt as much as possible this year and to co-operate with the Union plan in marketing their crops." Now if all the members of Evans local will all live up to these resolutions they will set an example worthy to be followed by all farmers, not only this year, but always and everywhere.

Twenty-two years ago the then county judge of Jefferson county, in a conversation with the present senior editor of The Eagle in Beaumont, remarked that Beaumont was an unhealthy place. Last Tuesday State Health officer Brumby after a thorough inspection of that city complimented the mayor and his assistants very highly on the splendid sanitary condition and added: "The people of this city will reap the rewards next summer when other cities are wrestling with bad sanitation and lack of drainage." Is Bryan one of the "other cities," referred to?

About thirty-five years ago the writer devoted the greater part of two years to organize granges in Tennessee, his work covering fifteen counties. The grange was a failure because the farmers of that day were not prepared for such a movement. But the farmers of the present generation have learned much that their fathers did not know and there is good ground for hoping that their Union will prove to be not only the best organization yet devised but completely successful. If the farmers of the United States can be organized so as to act together as one mass, there is no power on earth that can withstand them.

Come and see the big crowds win every 23rd sale at Eugene Edge's. 29

I. & G. N. Train 15, southbound, was 50 minutes late yesterday afternoon. The delay was caused by a breakdown of the engine after leaving Mart. Another locomotive had to be sent out to move the train.

A new 125 horse-power boiler and smoke stack arrived here Friday, and will be placed in position at the new waterworks as soon as possible to replace the one now in use. The new boiler will add materially to the power equipment of the plant.

There are forty-six manufacturers of sewing machines in America. How many can you name? One name comes to the mind of every woman immediately—The Singer—and there is a very good reason.

The Singer company makes and sells as many machines in each year as all the other forty-five combined. Phone 165, T. A. Satterwhite, salesman and collector.

THREE-SCORE AND FIFTEEN.

Wife, Children, Grandchildren and Friends Celebrate Abraham Hensarling's Seventy-Fifth Birthday.

Three quarters of a century ago a son was born to worthy parents in Mobile, Ala., which was then an unpretentious village. The family name was Hensarling, and his parents, who honored God's word, gave him the name of the "friend of God," the most perfect character of all antiquity. Yesterday was the seventy-fifth anniversary of that auspicious event, and that child, now the venerable and venerated patriarch, whose descendants number about thirty, celebrated the event with a home-coming and a reunion of relatives and friends. It has been the good fortune of the representative of The Eagle who attended to participate in many such occasions and never did he witness one, in all respects more complete and satisfactory than this. The dinner was an old-fashioned spread served in the good old-fashioned way, the excellence in quality being equalled only by the abundance and variety of the eatables. Modern abominations, such as "courses" and "menu" were not tolerated. The was turkey, chicken, country ham, oysters, home-made sausage, back-bones spare ribs and home-made bread, cakes, pies, preserves, jellies, pickles, catsup, sauces and vegetables and lots of other things, and everything was just like mother used to make. There were reminiscences and good stories and banterings and repartee and flashes of wit. Oh, it was splendid!

Assembled around the board were Mr. and Mrs. A. Hensarling, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hensarling and three children, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hensarling and son, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hensarling and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan and one child. In addition to the above children and grandchildren there were present as guests of honor: Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Bullock, Dr. R. H. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Patterson, Mrs. A. Y. Patterson, Mrs. R. M. Wilson and two children, Mrs. H. T. Lewis, Mr. W. H. Buchanan and J. M. Carnes.

Skidoo 23, it's free. 29

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Beginning Monday night the Spooner-Wallock Co. will play a week's engagement in Bryan.

Concerning "My Rose of Dixieland" the Palestine Visitor says, "This is a play of exceptional merit. Few dramas can deal with the Civil war question and avoid leaning to one or the other side unnecessarily. To the lover of patriotic history this play is an intellectual treat, and to the lover of light comedy it is a evening of pleasure. The story grips your attention from the beginning. It is a play worth any man's time and money too see. Miss Allie Spooner is a star that deserves all the nice things that you hear said of her, and in the part of Rose Calhoun she is a delightful treat. It is hard to think of anyone better fitted for the part of Winston Jefferson than is Mr. Wallock. His grace and dramatic powers were well in evidence throughout. Mr. Spooner presents a fine picture of the southern gentleman and Mrs. Spooner as the old negro mammy exhibited a knowledge of the Ethiopian eccentricities and characteristics. The remaining members of the company acquitted themselves creditably and they bear out the claims of the management." This organization plays here at the opera house. Don't fail to see them!

Skidoo 23, it's free. 29

To the Point.

Elderly Aunt—I suppose you wondered, dear little Hans, why I left you so abruptly in the lane. I saw a man, and, oh, how I ran! Hans—Did you get him?—Fliegende Blätter.

A man that is young in years may be old in hours if he has lost no time.—Bacon.

Breakfasting With Whistler.

The was a foreign painter who used to breakfast at Chelsea, and when Mr. Carr asked him if he had been there lately he replied: "Oh, no; not now so much. He ask me a little while ago to breakfast, and I go. My cab fare, two shilling, 'arf a crown. I arrive, very nice. Goldfish in bowl, very pretty. But breakfast—one egg, one toast—no more! Oh, no. My cab fare, two shilling, 'arf a crown. For me no more!"—London Telegraph.

With a String.

"Do you trust your husband implicitly?" "What a question! Why, of course I do—to a certain extent."—Cleveland Leader.

It is best to profit by the madness of others.—Pliny.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Of the County Union—Important Resolutions.

The quarterly meeting of Brazos County Farmers' Union, held with Cottonwood local on Wednesday and Thursday was one of much interest and value.

The meeting was addressed by several outside speakers and the ladies of the community served a splendid dinner both days.

The following resolutions received unanimous indorsement:

Be it resolved by the Brazos County Union now in session at Cottonwood, that we favor the use of low grade cotton being manufactured into cotton rope, cotton bagging, and all other articles possible that can be used by the farmers, merchants and shippers.

Be it further resolved, that we favor the diversification of farm products, and the curtailing of the cotton acreage among the membership everywhere, and that we do earnestly request union and non-union farmers generally throughout our country, that they plant and raise everything possible on their farms for home consumption, and thereby lessen the debts and expenses of farm life, increase the demand for cotton, and hence bring about better prices for that staple.

Be it further resolved that we forever stand by our State President, D. J. Nell, in his attitude on the anti-Bucket Shop law of Texas.

Be it further resolved that we heartily endorse the action of the legislative committee which met in Bryan on Jan. 2nd, A. D. 1909.

J. D. Martin.

Roe Edge.

T. M. Turner.

J. A. Murray.

Committee on Resolutions.

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Ten Dry, Eight Wet.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 8.—Reports received here from eighteen small municipalities, where elections were held to decide the question of the licensed sale of liquor, show ten went dry and eight wet. The prevalence of keg parties in the eight wet towns, it is said, decided the voters in favor of licensed saloons.

At Williamstown, W. Va., opposite Marietta, O., the dries were victorious, and Marietta people joined with Williamstown people in celebrating with a street parade and ringing the church bells.

Horrible Discovery.

Denver, Jan. 8.—Poison in the shape of paris green sufficient to kill fifty people was found in candy sent through the mails to Mrs. Marie Smith and Mrs. Amelia Whitner, according to State Chemist Hill, who analyzed the contents of boxes received by the two women. Ocie and Viola Smith, children of Mrs. Smith, ate some of the candy and were made seriously ill. The police are trying to locate a former suitor of Mrs. Smith.

Prominent Citizen Found Dead.

Sherman, Jan. 8.—Joseph Logsdon, one of Sherman's oldest and best known citizens, dropped dead at his home. He was a Confederate veteran and a prominent Old Fellow. He is survived by a widow and four children. He was the father of Ernest Logsdon, editor of the Sanger Courier.

Two Gins Burned, Ginners Beaten.

Nashville, Jan. 8.—Night riders have broken loose in Claiborne county, Alabama. Two gins were burned in the Oak Level neighborhood and Harry Benson, a ginmer, severely beaten before he would obey the mandates of the outlaws to quit preparing cotton for market. The sheriff and posse went to the district.

Forced to Release Prisoner.

Waxahatchie, Tex., Jan. 8.—While Marshal Holloway of Ferris was taking a negro to jail he was accosted by another member of that race and at the point of a revolver forced to release his prisoner. The latter and his liberator fled.

Poll Tax Paying Urged.

Dallas, Jan. 8.—Anticipating the legislature will submit statewide prohibition to the people, the Anti-Saloon league is sending out thousands of letters urging all prohibitionists to secure poll tax receipts.

Aged Man Has Whooping Cough.

Bellefontaine, O., Jan. 8.—T. Flack, ninety-two years old, has whooping cough.

Ten More Mills.

Morgantown, W. Va., Jan. 8.—The United States Steel corporation will add ten mills to its tin plate plant here.

Caught in Machine and Killed.

Monongahela, Pa., Jan. 8.—John Woods was caught in a coal mining machine and killed.

The Duel.

Gaston burst like a whirlwind in upon his friend Alphonse. "Will you be my witness?" he cried. "Going to fight?" "No; going to get married." Alphonse after a pause inquired, "Can't you apologize?"—Argonaut.

Two Tragedies.

To a woman there are two tragedies. One is not getting the man she loves; the other is getting him. The first is resignation, the second disillusion.—New York Herald.

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MAY THIS NEW YEAR PROVE HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS TO YOU

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Why? Because it is a Texas company, has ample Capital and Surplus and will keep Texas money in Texas. Joe B. Reed will explain the different plans and rates, and can also write Accident and Sick Benefit Insurance with the best companies and give you just what you want, and you will know what you are getting. Every man and woman under 25, for good health, should join.

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140 acres of land in the Moss-Hughes survey, near Edge. Price and terms reasonable.

Half acre of land with improvements, one block east of my home.

80 acres adjoining J. & M. College land on west side, near Providence church. Known as the George Platzler place.

100 acres, including Double Sulphur springs, on Navasota river.

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Your merchant handles fresh home ground meal, ask for it.

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A POSITIVE CURE FOR INDIGESTION.

If you have indigestion, your food ferments in the stomach and bowels. It does more; it decays, and the nutritious matter which should go to make new blood decays with it and this leads to an impoverished condition of the blood, to nervousness, biliousness, constipation, sick headache, bad breath which disgusts your friends, and other disagreeable and unpleasant conditions.

And all this trouble is caused by the food that doesn't digest, but ferments and oft times rots in the stomach. And fermentation is caused by the stomach not being strong enough and energetic enough to thoroughly mix the food with the digestive juices.

MI-O-NA is responsible for tens of thousands of cures. In fact, it is such a positive cure for indigestion and all stomach troubles that it is guaranteed by E. J. Jenkins to cure or money back. The price of a large box of MI-O-NA tablets is 50 cents, and they are sure to promptly cure the worst case of indigestion or gastritis. Try them.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

We take this method of thanking our friends for past patronage. 1908 has passed and we turn our face to the future with renewed hope and determination to do our best. We solicit your business promising careful attention to your wants and the best of everything in our line. We wish for you and yours A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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RAILROAD TIME CARD. H. & T. C. Schedule.

No. 3 North bound.....1:38 p.m.
No. 5 North bound.....12:46 a.m.
No. 2 South bound.....3:40 p.m.
No. 6 South bound.....2:48 a.m.

I. & G. N. Schedule.
No. 14 North bound.....12:58 p.m.
No. 15 South bound.....4:11 p.m.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

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Miss Jessie Garth is visiting friends at Colege.
Mr. G. H. Vick has returned from Fort Worth.
Mr. W. H. Boyett of Tabor was in the city Friday.
Mr. Ed Schramm of Kurten was in the city Friday.
Mr. John Kuben of Smetana was in the city Friday.
J. C. Vick has a car of Oklahoma ear corn on track. Phone 376. 28
Miss Hettie Smith is the guest of friends at Colege.
Mr. Jack Graham of Harvey was in the city Friday.
Mr. G. W. Davenport of Prospect was in the city Friday.
Mr. Robert Newcomb was a visitor from Reliance Friday.
Mrs. A. W. Arnold has returned from a visit to Temple.
Mr. Ed Wymola of Alexander was in the city Friday morning.
Mr. J. W. Skains was a visitor from his home at Kurten Friday.
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Mr. J. A. Shaw of Harvey transacted business here Friday.
Mr. Ralph Howell is at home from a business trip to south Texas.
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Shelton of Providence were in the city Friday.
Mrs. S. W. Meredith is the guest of her mother, Mrs. T. B. Johnson.
Mr. John Ferguson was in the city from his home at Harvey Friday.
Mr. B. Shisa of A. and M. was a business visitor to the city yesterday.
Wanted—Good milk cow for its feed. Phone 389. Mrs. Joe Beard. 31
Mr. John Kullak was here from his home at Rock Prairie Friday morning.
Mr. J. E. Mitchell of Fort Worth is the guest of Capt. R. L. Weddington.
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Mr. T. M. Turner of Tabor transacted business in Bryan Friday morning.

Allen Academy and Harvey basket ball teams played at the rink last night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White of Wixon were in the city on a shopping trip Friday.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bullock of Steep Hollow were visitors to the city Friday.

Mrs. Rose Eden was in the city from her home on Cartwheel prairie Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Henry of Benchley were in the city on a shopping trip Friday.

Fresh strawberries and large list fresh vegetables this morning. Howell & Newton. 28

Mr. John Tauber of College Station sold cabbage in the Bryan market Friday morning.

FOR LEASE—The Gentry 10 acres and house. Situated south of railroad tower, close in and fine truck land. Apply to G. P. Bittle, Bryan Texas. 41

Miss Robbie Seale left Thursday night for Milford to enter the Presbyterian college.

Mr. Adolf Sebesta of Rock Prairie was a business visitor to the city Friday morning.

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Mrs. Fritz Monti and Miss Lena Monti were in the city Friday from their home at Kurten.

Mr. John Lummus was a business visitor to the city Friday morning from his home on Wixon.

Strawberries, tomatoes and turnips were displayed for sale in the Bryan market Friday morning.

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Mr. M. S. Freeman, the well-known merchant of Harvey was in the city for a bill of goods Friday.

County Commissioner Arrington came up, from his home at Millican yesterday for a brief business visit.

Miss Mattie Purcell has returned to her home at Benchley after a visit to Mr. C. C. Shelburne is able to be out again after a severe illness extending over a period of a week or more.

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Mr. W. H. Buchanan, merchandising at Kurten was in the Bryan whole-sale market Friday for a nice bill of goods.

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to relatives and friends at Reliance. Mrs. Sarah Burns, the guest for the past few days of Mrs. James Sanders, returned to her home in Iowa Friday afternoon.

Major L. L. McInnis and President Milner of the board of directors of A. and M. College left Thursday night for Abilene.

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Mrs. Eugene Reynold returned to her home in Somerville yesterday after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Hanne-man in this city.

Mrs. Dr. J. F. Eaves left yesterday for Galveston. Dr. Eaves will probably be stationed at Galveston for the next twenty days.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Lawrence left yesterday for Midland, where they will spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clarke.

Rev. T. H. Morris, pastor of the First Methodist church, will address the students of T. W. C. at chapel exercises Monday morning.

Miss Norma Calhoun, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Dr. J. W. Howell since the first of the week, returned to her home in Houston last evening.

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The B. Y. P. U. profited nicely by the large patronage extended the Cozy theatre, which shared the receipts of the night with this worthy Baptist Association.

The county commissioners met in called session yesterday afternoon, and at a late hour were having the time of their lives wrestling with the full rendition law.

Every 23rd sale free commencing Saturday. 29

Messrs. Percy Driver of Spring, Joe Driver of Courtney and W. E. Driver of Mart have returned to their respective homes after a visit to their sister, Miss Alma Driver of this city.

After two weeks holiday the Ladies Choral club will meet in Carnegie hall this afternoon at 3 o'clock for rehearsal, and it is expected that every member will be promptly on hand.

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RAILROAD NEWS.

Agents Not Required to Notify Patrons on Receipt of Freight.

The Texas Demurrage and Storage company advises agents that since the railroad commission of Texas made no provision for notification of receipt of less than car shipments, Article 4520 of the revised statutes will govern. The only notification provided by this article is that the railroad agent shall post a notice on the door of the depot or freight house to the effect that a shipment for B—has been received. If, after 72 hours the shipment is not removed, then the railway company must charge storage for same, or, the railway company may have shipment removed to some warehouse where the goods will become liable for their own storage charges.

It has been the custom heretofore for the agents to notify by postal card the receipt of a shipment of goods. It may be that the railway companies figure they are spending too large a sum on postage when there is no necessity under the law for their doing so. Whether or not the railroads will cut out the postal notification is not yet known, but the disposition seems to be to reduce expenses in every department to the smallest amount possible.

Wanted to buy—A pair of mules 6 or 8 years old, well broke and perfectly matched. Don't show your stock unless perfectly sound. G. S. Parker. 30

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THE WEATHER.

Special to Bryan Morning Eagle. New Orleans, Jan. 8.—Tonight and Saturday, threatening and warmer.—Cline.

Weather Notes.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 7.—The northern cold wave has spread eastward to the Atlantic coast, the greatest fall in temperature occurring in north Atlantic states where it is from 30 to 40 degrees colder. In south Texas, Gulf and south Atlantic states the fall has been less marked. It has moderated throughout the northwest, but it is still intensely cold there, and the temperature has continued below zero from the Rocky mountains eastward to the lake region and southward to central Kansas. Snow has fallen in all districts from the north Pacific coast to New England. In Texas the temperature has fallen from 8 degrees to 14 degrees in the southern half of the state and has risen slightly in the northwestern. The danger of a freeze on the coast appears to be over. At time of report the temperature ranged from 8 degrees at Ammarillo to 58 degrees at Brownsville, and there was much cloudiness over east Texas.

River Bulletin.

River Stages: In feet and tenths. (5th Meridian time.)

Stations	Flood stage	Stage at 8 a.m.
Brazos River—		
Kopperl	21.0	0.0
Waco	22.0	1.5
Valley Junction	40.0	3.6

River Forecast.

There will be no important change in the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado rivers.

B. BUNNEMEYER,
Section Director.

For Rent—Cottage next door to my residence. Apply to Mrs. Mattie Webb. 29

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AN INTERESTING SALE.

"Skidoo 23"

Mr. Eugene Edge is about to launch another big skidoo sale. The success attained last year by this merchant prince in the skidoo sale was simply marvelous, as several times during the sale he was compelled to close doors of his popular store, so that all could get waited upon. This year's skidoo sale promises to eclipse any previous sale held in this city as all preparations have been made to meet the demands of the crowds.

Every detail is worked out so as to give every customer a chance at the skidoo sale.

This year Mr. Edge has used a very clever idea of advance advertising his big skidoo sale. With a lucky purchase of U. S. army rifles he has used them to the very best advantage in advertising his approaching sale. His war bulletins have been read and re-read all over the county and caused no end of merriment. While these bulletins were amusing they gave information as to the preparations of the big skidoo sale. This idea was entirely original and certainly a very clever one, which always marks the progress of this very popular and fashionable store, Eugene Edge on the corner.

Brazos Bottom Farm for Rent.

For Rent—187 1-4 acres cultivated black land in Brazos bottom of Burleson county, near Wellborn, known as the T. R. Batte place. Address Mrs. Fannie Carroll, owner 115 East Myrtle Street, San Antonio, Texas. 36

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COUNCIL MEETING.

Considerable Business Disposed of at the Session Yesterday Afternoon.

The city council met in regular session yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mayor J. T. Maloney presiding, with the following officers present:

City Secretary J. B. Hines, City Marshal T. P. Boyett, and Aldermen Fountain, Saunders, Brandon, Covey, Darden.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A number of accounts were audited and allowed.

Bond coupons to the amount of \$300 were presented to the council for cancellation.

Chairman Covey of the street committee reported to the council his efforts in the Worley street obstruction matter. Or motion the mayor was instructed to seek legal advice and take down the fence of A. Worley, which is alleged, occupies city property. It is stated that the fence constitutes an obstruction on Dallas, Burnett and Washington streets.

Alderman Covey reported the sale of a pair of the city's mules for \$250 and the sale was approved.

Alderman Covey was given authority to make disposition of the city lot now used by Mr. C. Vesmirovsky. He is instructed to either sell, rent or fence it so that it may not be used by unauthorized persons. The fence to be built in case no rent or sale is effected.

The mayor and city secretary were instructed to make a deed to Mr. John Vick and Mr. Wilson for lots which they agreed to purchase several weeks ago.

Mr. Scarlattina appeared before the council and requested that his assessment, as calculated by the city board of equalization be reduced. The council declined to disturb the valuation placed by the board.

The waterworks and city hall bonds recently purchased by the mayor were burned by order of the council. There were eight waterworks and one city hall certificate. Alderman Fountain placed them in the stove.

The city sexton's report was read. The secretary was instructed to have him give the initials as well as the proper name in all reports to be hereafter made. The report was accepted with recommendation.

The mayor reported that he had numbered certain blocks of real estate as per a resolution to this effect passed at a meeting of the council some time ago.

The mayor's report was accepted.

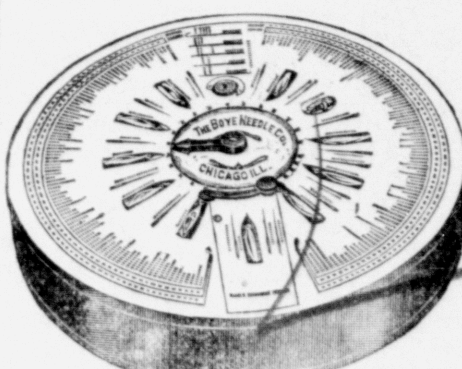
Nelse Gray was credited with taxes for one year on periods for which he is delinquent, he having two tax receipts establishing the fact that he had paid taxes on the same property twice in one year.

At six o'clock the council adjourned to meet again on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at which time the bond issue will come up for discussion.

Read This.

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33 1/3 Per cent Discount

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Pasture Fire.

The Alexander pasture, east of the A. and M. College burned last night. The reflection of the fire on the clouds was plainly seen in this city. Phone inquiry gave the information that the fire had been in progress since early afternoon. The fire is considerable distance from the college, over on the Rock Prairie road, but some of the cadets had volunteered to assist in fighting the flames, and were striving with others to subdue the fire, which it was reported had done considerable damage.

Money at 5 Per Cent.

The Jackson Loan and Trust Company has established a branch office in Bryan and for ten days until Jan. 16, will loan money on Brazos county and Bryan city real estate at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. Call on R. O. Bounds, state agent, at Miller house. 30W13

One-Third Off.

For balance of this week and all of next we have decided to continue our Inventory Sale, and instead of one-fourth off on everything, as we have advertised the past week, we will give One-Third off on all Hats, Cravenette Overcoats, Pants, Mackintoshes, fancy Vests, Wool Overshirts, Sweaters, Bath robes, Smoking Jackets, Mufflers, Reefers, Fobs, Collar and Cuff buttons, Stick Pins and all 75 and \$1.00 neckwear.

One-fourth off as heretofore on everything else in the house.

Such opportunities do not come often. "You had better" stand up and take notice. Hunter and Chatham. 31

Cakes and Candy.

I have a nice line of fresh home made Fruit cakes and nice fancy cakes and candy. Mrs. Otto Boehme. 31

I SELL ALL KINDS OF Sewing Machine Needles, Shuttles, Bobbins, Bands, and Rubbers. See the new Patented Needle Case.

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On the Corner

Eugene Edge

On the Corner

"The Fashion Shop"

New Year, New Firm, New Goods

Start the New Year right by buying for Cash

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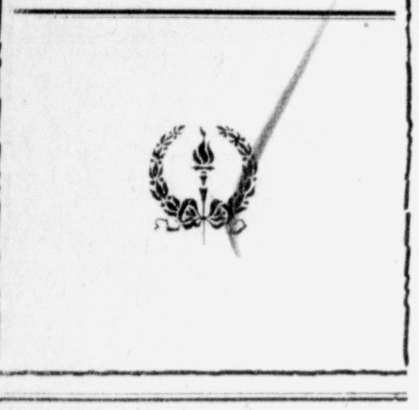
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FAMOUS LONDON TREE

The Cause of Several Hard Fought Legal Battles.

ITS SITE WORTH MILLIONS.

But the Lawyers Never Have Been Able to Break Through the Phalanx of Legal Enactments That Preserve the Old Landmark in Cheapside.

There is a tree in Cheapside, London, that may be described as the most expensive of its kind on earth. If five dollar gold pieces filled the entire trunk and five dollar bills fluttered in place of every one of the leaves it would not buy the terra firma it occupies, for the land on which it stands, the northwest corner of Wood street and Cheapside, is worth \$4,500,000 an acre. The tree has stood on the spot for more than 200 years, while its site has augmented in value to almost fabulous proportions.

There have been several hard fought lawsuits over this plot of ground, the fight having been carried even to the house of lords. But so far the lawyers never have been able to break through the phalanx of legal enactments which preserve the tree. In the first place, there is a law in England which prohibits builders from putting up a structure which shall keep out the light from windows which bear the mysterious words "ancient lights." This tree in Cheapside literally is surrounded by a number of "ancient lights" proprietors whose consent never has been obtained when it came to cutting down the tree and putting a modern structure on its site. For the same reason the storekeeper who rents the tiny two story structure on the corner just in front of the tree never has been able to put his building up beyond its present height.

Some years ago one builder, who thought himself more "cute" than the others, started to take the law into his own hands and put up a building, thinking to "arrange" with the owners of the "ancient lights" afterward. But he was met with a perfect shower of injunctions, proceedings, writs and indictments, more than would have covered the tree in its full spring bloom, and it is said he never has been able to pay the thousands of dollars of law costs which his little experiment resulted in.

A few years ago some gardeners were ordered to lop off certain limbs of the tree which hung over Cheapside. It was done really to save the life of the tree and with the consent of the parish clerk and churchwardens of St. Peter's, Cheapside, the ancient little Norman church in Foster lane, near by, who guard this tree from the vandals' clutches. When the men began to work on the tree, however, it created a big sensation in Cheapside. "They are chopping down our tree," went up from a thousand angry throats in the district. Policemen were called, and doubtless there would have been another shower of writs, injunctions and proceedings had not the minister of the parish explained the real reason for the lopping operations.

Another almost impassable barrier which protects the tree in its position is the fact that it grows in sacred ground. There is a law in London that no building can be erected on sacred ground without special act of parliament, and woe betide the unhappy man who dares to put up even a shanty within the sacred precincts of a graveyard in England.

This particular corner of Cheapside has been immortalized by Wordsworth:

At the corner of Wood street when daylight appears
There's a thrush that sings aloud; it has sung for three years.

This bird was wont to perch in the now famous tree, and it attracted the attention of Wordsworth, who used to breakfast in a little shop near by. As far back as the year 1392—just a hundred years before Mr. Columbus discovered America—another tree stood in this graveyard and is spoken of by Chaucer:

That whosoever ploynes it away,
He shall have Chrystis' curse for aye.

The tree is therefore a direct descendant of perhaps the oldest tree on record in England, and it may almost be described as an English institution.

This particular portion of Cheapside is back of the general postoffice and is one of the finest pieces of real estate in the world. With the tremendous difficulties that stand in the way of its being built over—the sanctity of the land itself and the power of the "ancient lights" statute—it is probable that this piece of ground will remain "unimproved" for another century or two.

In a recent interview the manager of the real estate agents who control nearly all the land in the district declared that "the old tree in Cheapside occupies a position which is likely never be built upon." There would be a perfect howl of execration from all sides if any one were to attempt to put up a modern building there, for Wood street itself is so narrow that the people on both sides of the street have a right to claim "ancient lights," and the builder who went in for improving this property would have to "square" so many people that he would never be able to get any profit out of the building.—New York Press.

The Fraction.

"The average family in America comprises 4.6 persons." "I guess I'm the 4.6 of this family," murmured Paw Hoptoad, a trifle acridly.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

ANGER IS DANGEROUS.

It Wrecks the Whole System and Tends to Shorten Life.

It is well known that a violent fit of temper affects the heart instantly, and psychophysicists have discovered the presence of poison in the blood immediately after such outburst. This explains why we feel so depressed, exhausted and nervous after any storm of passion—whether jealousy or revenge—has swept through the mind. It has left in its wake a vicious mental poison and other harmful secretions in the brain and blood.

There is no constitution so strong but it will ultimately succumb to the constant racking and twisting of the nerve centers caused by an uncontrolled temper. Every time you become angry you reverse all of the normal mental and physical processes. Everything in you rebels against passion storms; every mental faculty protests against their abuse.

If people only realized what havoc indulgence in hot temper plays in their delicate nervous structure, if they could only see with the physical eyes the damage done as they can see what follows in the wake of a tornado, they would not dare to get angry.

When the brain cells are overheated from a fit of temper their efficiency is seriously impaired, if not absolutely ruined. The presence of the anger poison, the shock to the nervous system, is what makes the victim so exhausted and demoralized after loss of self control.—Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine.

THE BACK OF THE NECK.

Make It Proof Against Drafts and Colds in the Head.

"When I was a boy," said a doctor, "I didn't believe in drafts. I thought that they who imputed colds to drafts were cranks. But one November night at a concert I felt all the evening a strong draft on the back of my neck. It was so strong it resembled a suction pump. 'Now,' said I to myself, 'we'll see if this draft will give yours truly a cold.'"

He shuddered.

"For a week," he said, "I was laid up with so vile a cold that I couldn't breathe save with my mouth open. And now I am satisfied that nine out of every ten colds are solely due to a draft on the back of the neck."

"I know how to prevent such colds. Hence I may practically say that I know how to prevent all colds. It is a fact that none of my patients, thanks to my method, know what a cold is. 'They learn from me to do this—to bathe the back of the neck every morning in cold water. Thus the spot becomes hardened. It becomes draft proof."

"And when a new patient, peculiarly sensitive to colds, visits me, my peculiar treatment is to blow on the back of his neck with a bellows for several days in succession. The bellows, in conjunction with the icy douche, frees him from all future susceptibility. Thenceforth his winters pass without that horrid winter pest, a bad cold."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Colored Preacher's Text.

A colored man in Atlanta, Ga., is a preacher on Sundays and a barber on week days. One of his customers makes it a rule to be first in the chair on Monday morning, when he is sure of being entertained by a resume of "Uncle Rastus'" Sunday dissertation. At night the family always looked for the latest from the colored brother. This was one of his recent effusions: "Yesterday I took for my text 'Cleanliness am next to godliness,' and I dun reach my climax wid dis argument: 'Now, what day follows Sunday? Why, Monday. Monday is wash day in all well regulated families. Monday comes nex' to Sunday; so, my brodden, that settles it that the words of my tex' am true, 'Cleanliness am nex' to godliness.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Too Much Quiet.

On one occasion the bustling and energetic archbishop of York, Dr. MacLagan, wrote to the vicar in an outlying village suggesting that he should lend his church for the purpose of giving the clergy of the district a "quiet day" for meditation and fraternal reunion. The witty vicar of this sleepy hamlet in the wolds promptly replied:

My Dear Lord Archbishop—Your very kind letter to hand. But what the people in this village want most in their spiritual life is not a "quiet day," but an earthquake.

—London Standard.

An Appeal For Mercy.

"Judge," said the prisoner, "I suppose you're going to soak me."

"You are a habitual offender," replied the judge; "were caught with the stolen goods, and the court will have to do its painful duty."

"I don't want to seem unreasonable," replied the prisoner. "I don't mind a long sentence. I'm used to it. But say, judge, cut out the lecture that usually goes with it, won't you?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Brute.

"Yes, this room is dark, damp and positively uninhabitable. It is supplied for your wife's mother, if she has one."

"She has. I'll take the flat."—Boston Traveler.

An Old Timer.

"He's an old newspaper man."

"About how old?"

"Well, he can remember when they only issued extras when something happened."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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